Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen

3005. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any schemes for rehabilitation of ex-servicemen in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of ex-servicemen in Bihar who have been provided jobs during the last three years;

(d) what is the number of ex-servicemen in Bihar, as on 31st March, 1987, who are yet to be provided jobs; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has provided reservation of vacancies in Group 'C' & 'D' posts in Central Government departments and Public Sector Undertakings including nationalised banks, as follows:—

	Central Government Departments	Public Sector Undertakings inciuding nationalised banks
Group 'C'	10%	14½%
Group 'D'	20%	24½%

In addition, 10 per cent of the vacancies in the posts of the level of Assistant Commandants in all paramilitary forces are also reserved for ex-servicemen. They are also eligible for relaxation in age and educational qualifications.

Ex-servicemen are also provided certain facilities and concessions for self-employment. They are encouraged to set up small scale units by providing loans on concessional terms by some of the State Financial Corporations and Nationalised Banks. A Scheme for interest subsidy on bank loans is also operated through Rajya/Zila Sainik Boards out of their Welfare Funds (Amalgamated State Special Fund), under which the ex-servicemen are granted interest subsidy on loans upto Rs. 50,000 for setting up small scale industry/agro industry. A price subsidy of 10 per cent is also provided, subject to a maximum monetary limit of Rs. 50,000 in a year, for a duration of five years on the value of any item manufactured by them and purchased by the Ministry of Defence/Inter-Service Organisations. Ex-servicemen are also assisted by way of allotment of industrial plots/sheds, allotment of disposal vehicles, tractors, Jai Jawan Stalls, Milk Vending Booths, Fruit and Vegetable Shops, Fertilisers agencies and Petroleum products.

A new scheme, called, Self-Employment for Ex-Servicemen (SEMFEX) has been formulated and launched w.e.f. 1st April, 1987 jointly by the Director General of Resettlement and the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) for entrepreneurial training as well as provision of loan and soft seed capital assistance to intending ex-servicemen entrepreneurs. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 1 crore each has been earmarked and provided by the Directorate General of Resettlement and the IDBI for giving soft seed capital assistance. This is being implemented through State Financial Corporations.

For projects costing upto Rs. 50,000 there will be no promoters' contribution required. For projects costing over Rs. 50,000 but upto Rs. 12 lakhs, the promoters' contribution would be only 10 per cent and a soft seed capital assistance to meet the balance of equity component on a debt equity ratio of 3:1 will be provided in the form of a loan subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.8 lakhs per project with a nominal rate of interest of 1 per cent per annum.

(c) The total number of ex-servicemen provided jobs in Bihar during the last three years is as under:—

1984	2,649
1985	882
1986	1,552

(d) The total number of ex-servicemen on the Live Register of various Zila Sainik Boards in Bihar as on 31st March, 87 is 10,000 approximately.

(e) State Government of Bihar has proposed to raise three Battalions of Bihar Armed Police to be exclusively manned by ex-servicemen during the next three years.

State Government is also being impressed upon from time to time to make reservation in Government jobs and to form ex-servicemen co-operatives/Associations to take up security and transportation work.

Mode of Filing of Tax Returns

3006. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made of the present mode of filing of returns of income-tax, wealth-tax, gift-tax etc.

(b) whether, as a result of the same, it is proposed to simplify the procedures for filing of tax return;

(c) whether ceiling limits of summary assessment have been raised recently; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) *Income Tax*: The scope of the scheme has been enlarged from 1987-88 to include the following types of cases (a) company cases with returned income/loss upto Rs. 50,000/-.

(b) trust cases and cases of charitable institutions having income upto Rs. 1 lakh before applying the provisions of section 11 provided the corpus of the trust does not exceed Rs. 5 lakhs (c) all other cases having income/loss upto Rs. 2 lakhs.

Estate Duty: The scheme of summary assessment of estate duty cases has been raised to cover cases with returned principal value upto Rs. 7.50 lakhs.

Amount disbursed by Indian Overseas Bank under DRI Scheme

3007. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount disbursed by Indian Overseas Bank under differential rate of interest scheme during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 and the number of beneficiaries;

(b) whether there had been considerable decline in the amount disbursed and in the number of beneficiaries during 1985;